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Dear Charles,

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Taiwanese Patent Application No. 81104747
Your ref: PM 1522 - Our file: 33442

Further to my letter of 19th November I attach a copy of the advice we have received from Taiwan which does not seem to me to be very helpful.

Evidently we must make some changes in the claims. Concentrating on claim 1, I would propose to rearrange the steps of the process and to specify the initial OV content as being in the range 12 to 21% (Claim 2). I think we should also specify the amount of carbon dioxide which condenses on the tobacco as 0.1 to 0.6 pound of carbon dioxide per pound of tobacco (Claim 13) (unless the other end of the range should be 0.9 as given in Claim 23). Additionally we could introduce the features of Claims 4 and 12 into the main independent claim.

I shall be grateful for any comments you can give on these suggestions and with regard to the fact that the term for response will only run until 28th December.

Yours sincerely,

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